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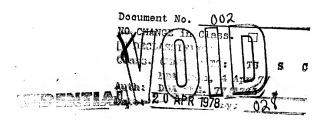
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On 12 February 1948, 1450 troops of the 2nd Replacement Regiment of the were combined with two regiments from the peoples militia of the Public Safety General Bureau (1. # to form a new unit designated as the Independent 4th Brance. The Independent 4th Brigade is commanded by HSIA Chi-hou (\$ 34), has a total strength of approximately 4000 troops and is under the South Lia niv Military District. The brigade contains three regiments; there are three battalions in each regiment; three companies in each battalion; three pl/fccns in each company; and four 12-man squads in each platoon. The light mechine gur units (number unspecified) are equipped with six light machine gun; and 300 rounds of ammunition for each gun. The heavy machine gun unit; (number prepositied) are equipped with three Japanese Model 30 heavy machine guns and 450 rounds of ammunition for each gun. Mortar Units (number unspecified) are equipped with two mortars and three cases of ammunition for each mortar. There is one signal section (? platoon) in each regiment which is equipped with four small-model telephone sets. The 1st and 2nd regirehts of the brigade use white (? steel) cartridges which were originally manufactured by the Chinase Mationalists. The 3rd regiment uses red copper cartridges made in Dairen, The morale of the new brigade is poor and the troops have had no combat experience.

On 28 March the Independent 4th Brigade with a total of 24 horsecarts 2. moved by train from Dairen to Fulantien (121-59; 39-24)



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